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THE ARMY CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER/G-6 (CIO/G-6) RELEASES THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

SUBJECT: UNCLAS ALARACT 0051/2002, ADDITIONAL ARMY SMART CARD READER ACQUISITION GUIDANCE

- A. MEMORANDUM, DEPSECDEF, 10 NOVEMBER 1999, SUBJECT: SMART CARD ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION.
  - B. MEMORANDUM, DOD ASD(C3I/CIO), 12 AUGUST 2000, SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE (PKI).
  - C. MESSAGE, HQDA, SAIS-ZA, 161500Z JAN 02, SUBJECT: UNCLAS ALARACT 0008/2002, ARMY SMART CARD READER ACQUISITION GUIDANCE
1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON THE PROCUREMENT OF SMART CARD READERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH PURCHASES OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS (PCS) AND OTHER WORKSTATIONS TO MEET CURRENT AND FUTURE SMART CARD IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS. THE SMART CARD/COMMON ACCESS CARD (SC/CAC) WITH PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE (PKI) CERTIFICATES IS BEING IMPLEMENTED ARMY-WIDE TO COMPLY WITH REFERENCES A AND B.
  2. ON 16 JANUARY 2002, THE ARMY ISSUED GUIDANCE (REFERENCE C) CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF SMART CARD READERS AND ASSOCIATED

MIDDLEWARE WITH FUTURE PROCUREMENTS OF PCS AND OTHER WORKSTATIONS. SINCE THAT TIME, THE VOLUME OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION GENERATED IN RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE SUGGESTS THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THAT GUIDANCE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, THE ARMY CIO/G-6 PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. THE ARMY PRODUCT MANAGER, SECURE ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS-DEVICES (PM SET-D) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCURING THE INITIAL SET OF SC READERS AND MIDDLEWARE FOR ELIGIBLE ARMY CAC USERS. PM SET-D CONDUCTED A DATA CALL WITH THE MAJOR ARMY COMMANDS (MACOMS) TO DETERMINE THE BASELINE SET OF PCS AND WORKSTATIONS FOR WHICH IT WOULD PROVIDE READERS AND MIDDLEWARE. IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT AS TO WHETHER YOUR ORGANIZATION'S PCS AND WORKSTATIONS ARE PART OF THIS ELIGIBLE BASELINE, YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOUR MACOM DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (DOIM), CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (CIO), OR DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (DCSIM). (NOTE: LAPTOP AND NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE FITTED WITH AN APPROPRIATE SMART CARD READER IF THE COMPUTER WILL BE ATTACHED TO AN ARMY NETWORK.)

B. ARMY ORGANIZATIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCURING CAC READERS AND MIDDLEWARE UNDER THREE GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES. FIRST, IF AN ORGANIZATION DETERMINES (WORKING WITH ITS RESPECTIVE MACOM) THAT IT REQUIRES ADDITIONAL CARD READERS AND MIDDLEWARE AFTER PM SET-D HAS COMPLETED ITS FIELDING ACTIVITIES FOR THAT ORGANIZATION, IT SHOULD PROCURE THE NEEDED READERS AND MIDDLEWARE ON ITS OWN. SECOND, IF AN ORGANIZATION REQUIRES A DIFFERENT READER FROM THE ONES PROVIDED BY PM SET-D (E.G., TO ACCOMMODATE TECHNOLOGY REFRESHMENT), IT SHOULD SIMILARLY PROCURE THE NEEDED READERS. THIRD, AS THE PM SET-D-PROVIDED READERS OR MIDDLEWARE REQUIRE REPLACEMENT AFTER WARRANTY EXPIRATION (E.G., AS A ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ACTION), ARMY ORGANIZATIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCURING SUCH REPLACEMENT ITEMS.

C. IF LOCAL PROCUREMENT AUTHORITIES DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO SUITABLE PM SET-D-TESTED CARD READERS OR MIDDLEWARE, THE RESPECTIVE DOIM SHOULD EITHER REQUEST THAT PM SET-D RECOMMEND AN ALTERNATIVE READER OR ATTEMPT TO PROCURE COMPUTERS/READERS THROUGH THE U.S. ARMY SMALL COMPUTER PROGRAM. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE CONCERNING READERS OR MIDDLEWARE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. KEANE LEE, [KLEE.MADENTECH@DMS.BELVOIR.ARMY.MIL](mailto:KLEE.MADENTECH@DMS.BELVOIR.ARMY.MIL) AT PM SET-D OR THE ARMY SMALL COMPUTER PROGRAM OFFICE AT [AMSEL-DSA-SCP@MAIL1.MONMOUTH.ARMY.MIL](mailto:AMSEL-DSA-SCP@MAIL1.MONMOUTH.ARMY.MIL).

D. ARMY ORGANIZATIONS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ALTERNATIVE CARD READERS AND MIDDLEWARE MAY OR MAY NOT WORK SUCCESSFULLY IN THE ARMY'S COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT. ACCORDINGLY, ARMY ORGANIZATIONS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PROCURE ONLY THOSE READERS AND MIDDLEWARE THAT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY TESTED BY PM SET-D. THE LIST OF TESTED AND APPROVED READERS AND MIDDLEWARE CAN BE FOUND ON THE PM SET-D WEB SITE AT [HTTPS://SETDWEB.BELVOIR.ARMY.MIL/TRAINING/CARDREADER.HTML](https://setdweb.belvoir.army.mil/training/cardreader.html).

- E. ARMY ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRING CARD READERS OR MIDDLEWARE FOR PCS AND WORKSTATIONS NOT PART OF THE BASELINE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3.A MAY WISH TO PURCHASE THEM THROUGH THE U.S. ARMY SMALL COMPUTER PROGRAM. INFORMATION ON THE ARMY SMALL COMPUTER PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://PMSCP.MONMOUTH.ARMY.MIL/HOME.ASP](http://PMSCP.MONMOUTH.ARMY.MIL/HOME.ASP).
4. THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS GUIDANCE IS MR. KEMP PRUGH,  
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5. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.